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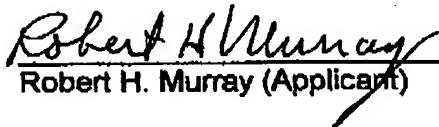
Title: A SAFE TOY BALLOON CLOSURE AND SEALING DEVICE AND ASSEMBLIES USING SAME

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STATUS OF CLAIM 27

1. The inventor wishes to thank Examiner CEGIELNIK for her 08/24/05 email instructions for obtaining an English translation of the abstract for Japanese patent number JP 0820638A as requested in the inventors FAX communication of Apr 11, 2005. That FAX is available electronically in PTO file wrapper for this application. It took a number of attempts before the inventor finally obtained the abstract translation. Unlike the USPTO, the JPO is not very user friendly.
2. Attached is a copy, in English, of the above Japanese Patent abstract.
3. The inventor has been, and is still, waiting for a response to his April 11, 2005 request, in the same FAX, for clarification of the status of claim 27.
4. What is the status of claim 27?
Please let me know about claim 27, so that I can respond to a possible rejection, as well as decide about filing a divisional patent.

Respectively submitted,



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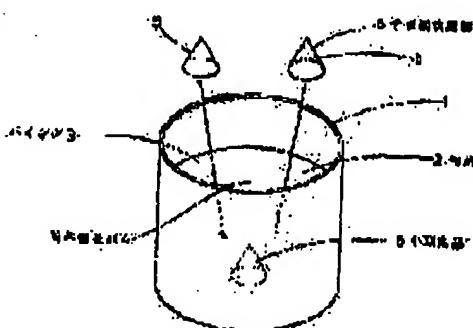
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(54) METHOD FOR PREVENTING ERRONEOUSLY EATING SMALL GOODS**(57) Abstract:**

PURPOSE: To realize a method for preventing erroneously eating small goods, in which the emetic medicine stuck to the small goods is made hard to fall off and by which the emetic effect can be exhibited when a user keeps it in his mouth.

CONSTITUTION: Functional coating is constituted of a bitter emetic 4, a binder 3, and a solvent 2, and a semipermeable film 6 is made on the surface of small goods 5 with a functional coating.

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